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LETTER DATED 26 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL).

The members of the Security Council will recall that, in my report to the Council of 23 November 1992 (S/24833, para. 74), I stated that the Government of El Salvador had informed me that it had requested the Supreme Electoral Tribunal, as the competent authority, to consider a proposal that the United Nations verify the next presidential, legislative and municipal elections due to be held in El Salvador in March 1994.

I now wish to inform the Security Council that I have received from the Salvadorian authorities a letter dated 8 January 1993, informing me that, based on the reply received from the Supreme Electoral Tribunal, the Government had decided to request the United Nations to verify the forthcoming general elections.

Given the importance of these elections, which will be the first to take place after the end of the conflict and should in the normal course of events constitute the logical culmination of the entire peace process, it would be my intention to recommend the acceptance of the request of the Government of El Salvador. As I indicated in my report of 23 November 1992 (S/24833, para. 83), the personnel needed for this task would be phased in as required by the electoral process and their assignment would end immediately after the elections in March 1994. I shall present to the Security Council, in the report requested of me in paragraph 8 of resolution 791 (1992), my recommendations regarding the administrative and financial implications of the request.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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